

JOHN MOSER AND JANET S. WRIGHT MOSER



John Moser lived in the Midway Fort String. We can find very little history of him. He married Janet Stevenson Wright July 17, 1866, in the Salt Lake Endowment House. She was born February 15, 1796, in Lanarkshire, Scotland, and died June 27, 1874. In 1873 he married Anna Makale who was born in Pulak, Canton Serve, Switzerland, January 2, 1839. She joined The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints August 28, 1871. She lived to be more than 103 years old.

John Moser died in 1890.

The family home was in the Upper Settlement called Mound City. They built a house where the Andrew Lundin property is.

DAVID MARTIN AND ABIGAIL REYNOLDS OAKS



David Martin Oaks was born January 2, 1848 at Winter Quarters, Douglas County, Nebraska, a son of Hiram and Sarah Ann Wood Oaks. He married Abigail Mary Reynolds, March 2, 1869. David died October 27, 1894.

Abigail Mary Reynolds was born September 2, 1842 at Nunda, Livingston, New York, a daughter of William Pitt and Melissa Bardwell Reynolds.

When David was a baby his parents came to Utah. They settled finally in Midway where David grew up. He was very active in assisting to fight the Indians, and was known as an excellent marksman. He was a veteran of the Black Hawk War.

After his marriage David resided in Midway and worked with his father in the timber and saw mill business. In 1889 he assisted his father in moving the sawmill to Ashley Valley. David moved his family there, where they resided permanently. He was one of two men who made trips from Ashley Valley to Heber City on snow shoes in the winter time to obtain supplies. Many times he had to race from wolf packs through the Strawberry Valley.

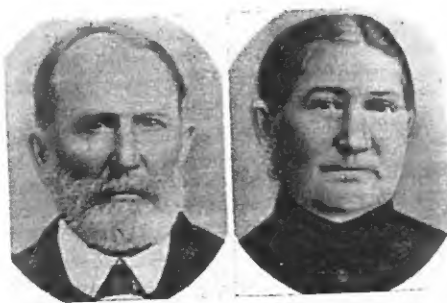
While still a young man, David died from pneumonia.

Abigail was very active in community life, serving both as a teacher and a mid-wife. She was teaching school at the time of her marriage to David. She had come to Utah with her parents in 1853, settling in Midway. After the death of her husband she was very active as a nurse and mid-wife.

Children of David Martin and Abigail Mary Reynolds Oaks:

William Hyrum
Sarah Melissa
Martin Edwin.

HIRAM AND SARAH ANN WOOD OAKS



Hiram Oaks was born in Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania, September 7, 1825, the son of James Selah and Catherine Almira Pritchard Oaks. He married Sarah Ann Wood. To this happy couple were born eleven children.

From Pennsylvania the family moved up to New York, and from there to Illinois. In moving about they encountered the Latter-

day Saint missionaries and joined the Church. Hiram Oaks was a good friend of the Prophet Joseph Smith. While in Nauvoo he and his brother-in-law, Jess McCarrell, worked on the Temple. He was a body-guard of the Prophet. His family came across the plains with the Wilford Wood company in 1852. They settled in what is now American Fork and lived there until the summer of 1854, when they moved to Provo. They later moved to Provo Valley and settled in Midway. A few years later the family moved to Daniel.

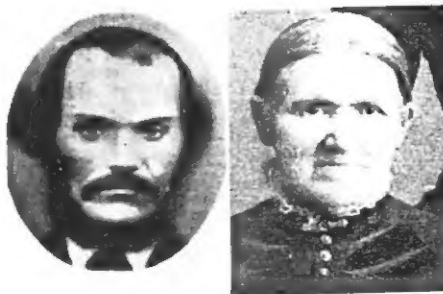
Mr. Oaks was a Black Hawk War veteran. He owned a saw mill and was a successful farmer. He died in Uintah County, where he had taken up residence, at the age of seventy-seven.

Sarah Ann Wood Oaks was born April 8, 1827 at Cornwall, Canada. She was baptized with her parents at the age of 13 into the LDS Church. On July 4, 1840, her family moved to Nauvoo, arriving there October 1. They lived in Nauvoo until driven by the mobs in 1845 across the Mississippi.

She was married to Hiram Oaks December 6, 1846. They lived at Winter Quarters and then in Pottawottamie County until 1852 when they crossed the plains, settling first in American Fork and then coming to Midway.

In 1889 the family moved to Ashley Valley where they spent the rest of their lives.

JOHN O'NEIL, JR. AND AGNES O'NEIL



Agnes O'Neil, known and beloved by hundreds as "Nannie O'Neil," was one of the colorful characters of Midway.

She was born in County Down, Ireland, January 20, 1828, a daughter of Thomas and Rachel Ellis Hair. Her parents had eight children, seven girls and one boy. Her

brother, Samuel Hair, was well known in Midway in later years.

When Nannie was nine months old her family moved to Scotland, where she spent her young womanhood. In her early years she was employed in the home of a wealthy family.

When Nannie was 17 years old, all of her family had joined the LDS Church but herself. She felt ashamed for her family, and worried over their membership in the Church. Her unhappiness continued for some time until one night she had a dream. She dreamed she was standing on the banks of the River Clyde and a great book opened up before her. A voice spoke to her, bidding her to open to the chapter and verse where it admonished her to "search the scriptures."

The next day she searched the Bible for the reference, and after reading it, went humbly to her mother and said she wished to join the Church. She was baptized by Elder John Smith. The winter was so cold that ice had to be broken for her baptism. Throughout her life she remained a staunch member of the Church.

Shortly after her baptism she was married to John O'Neil at Del Ry, Scotland. Mr. O'Neil was already a good Latter-day Saint.

In May of 1863 they left Scotland to come to America. They had five children at the time, four boys and one girl. They had already buried three sons in Scotland.

They arrived in Utah in October of 1863 and came directly to Midway through the influence of George and James T. Wilson, who were cousins of Nannie.

After settling in Utah the O'Neils had three more children. When the youngest was eight, Nannie was left a widow, and had a hard struggle to keep her family together. After almost eight years as a widow she opened a hotel and became famous throughout the country as a genial hostess and expert cook. She was also an expert seamstress and skilled in embroidery.

She worked faithfully in the Church all her life. She was president of the Primary and a teacher in Relief Society and Sunday School for many years.

Her personality was a powerful force, and she was able to draw people into the closeness of her friendship. As she operated the hotel people gathered in throngs for her parties and celebrations. Her birthday became an occasion of great celebration, and was one of the outstanding celebrations in the valley.